

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-6 have been currently amended. New Claims 7-12 have been added. Claim amendments were made relative to the original Claims 1-6, as filed in the Article 34 Amendments. Support for the amended and claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for amended Claims 1-6 can be found in the respective original claims. Particular support for new Claims 7-9 can be found in the original Claim 5, and particular support for new Claims 10-12 can be found in original Claim 6. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

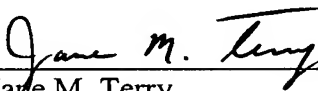
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